

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1, 3, 5, and 13 to further clarify the invention and adds claims 21-24, which are clearly supported throughout the specification.

Claims 13-15 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0012051 to Hara et al. (hereinafter “Hara”) and claims 1-12 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hara, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,953,050 to Kamata et al. (hereinafter “Kamata”). Applicant respectfully traverses these grounds of rejection at least in view of the following exemplary comments.

Independent claims 1, 3, 5, and 13 *inter alia* and in some variation recite: “wherein said administering of image processes comprises a user selecting a portion of the first image data and cutting the first image data to obtain the processed image data comprising the selected portion of the first image data.” The prior art of record fails to disclose or even remotely suggest the user selecting a portion of the image and cropping the image. Kamata only discloses automatically reducing the size of *the entire video stream* (col. 6). Therefore, Kamata does not disclose or even remotely suggest *the user selecting a portion of the image* and having a portion of the image *cut/trimmed*. For at least these exemplary reasons, claims 1, 3, 5, and 13 are patentable over the prior art of record. Claims 2, 4, 6-12, 14- 20 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

New claims 21-24 are patentable by virtue of their dependency and for additional features set forth therein.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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